## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION CIVIL NO. 3:05CV00076

HAROLD SKIPPER,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
	ORDER AND NOTICE TO PRO SE
vs.	) PLAINTIFF OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION
	) FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
COBB VANTRESS, INC.,	)
	)
Defendant.	)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on its own motion following the filing of Defendant Cobb Vantress, Inc's Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. No. 19) and Memorandum in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. No. 20), both of which were filed December 15, 2005.

In accordance with <u>Roseboro v. Garrison</u>, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975), the Court advises Plaintiff, who is proceeding *pro se*, of the heavy burden that he carries in responding to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Rule 56(e), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provides:

When a motion for summary judgment is made and supported as provided in this rule, an adverse party may not rest upon the mere allegations or denials of the adverse party's pleading, but the adverse party's response, by affidavits or as otherwise provided in this rule, must set forth specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial. If the adverse party does not so respond, summary judgment, if appropriate, shall be entered against the adverse party.

This language means that if Plaintiff has any evidence to offer to show that there is a genuine issue for trial, he must now present it to this Court in a form which would otherwise be admissible at trial, i.e., in the form of affidavits or unsworn declarations. An affidavit is a written statement under oath; that is, a statement prepared in writing and sworn before a notary public. An unsworn statement, made and signed under the penalty of perjury, may also be submitted. Affidavits or

statements must be presented by Plaintiff to this Court no later than thirty (30) days from the date

of this Order, or September 14, 2006, and must be filed in duplicate. As stated by Rule 56(e),

Plaintiff's failure to respond may result in Defendant being granted the relief it seeks by way of

summary judgment, that is, the dismissal of the Complaint with prejudice.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The *pro se* Plaintiff shall have until September 14, 2006, to file his response, including any

evidence, to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

2. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order and Notice to counsel for Defendant;

and to the pro se Plaintiff, that is, Harold Skipper, 556 Cherry Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina

28170.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: August 15, 2006

Frank D. Whitney

United States District Judge